

STALEY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
TEAM

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the outstanding achievement of the Staley Falcons High School football team on defeating the Kirkwood Pioneers, by a score of 35–21, to win the Class 5 State Championship.

The Falcons finished their incredible season by posting an undefeated 14–0 record. In a hard-won championship game, Staley scored an 80-yard drive in the 4th quarter, taking 7 minutes off the clock. Staley then made a defensive stop to win the school's first-ever state title, and the first football title for the North Kansas City School District. Staley's football team also became the first in Missouri history to have two 2,000 yard rushers, with Morgan Steward earning 2225 yards and Trent Hosick 2054 yards.

I want to recognize the great leadership of the team, including Head Coach Fred Bouchard and the work of his assistant coaches. I also want to acknowledge the work of Superintendent Todd White, and Principal Clark Mershon as additional keys to success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating the Staley Falcons High School football team on their perfect season and State Championship. It is an honor to represent this team in the United States Congress and I wish them the best of luck in the seasons to come.

CELEBRATING RON SZAFARCZYK'S
RETIREMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Mr. Ronald Szafarczyk on his retirement from his position of Clerk-Treasurer for the town of Griffith, Indiana. Ron has dedicated his life to public service and the interests of the residents of Griffith. For his lifetime of serving the people of Griffith and Northwest Indiana, Ron will be honored at a celebratory reception on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at Andorra Banquets in Schererville, Indiana.

Ron's interest in local politics began in 1967, when he became a precinct committeeman for the town of Griffith. For the past twenty-four years, Ron has served the town of Griffith in numerous elected capacities. In 1987, Ron ran for a position on the town council and was elected as a councilman, serving from 1988 to 1996. Ron was then elected Clerk-Treasurer, and served in this capacity for sixteen years. Ron's passion, devotion, and continuous support to the town of Griffith are remarkable and he is to be commended.

In addition to his impressive career with the town of Griffith, Ron is a member of the Griffith Rotary, the Griffith Chamber of Commerce,

and serves on the committee for Griffith's "Park Full of Art" event. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and Saint Mary Catholic Church, where he serves as a Eucharistic Minister. Mr. Szafarczyk is the most generous of gentlemen.

Ron's dedication to the town of Griffith is noteworthy; however, it is his commitment to his family that is most impressive. Ron and his wonderful wife, Janice, have six beloved children and fourteen grandchildren.

I am proud that Ron Szafarczyk is my friend and I cannot thank him enough for all that he has done for me over the years. I am even more grateful for what he has done for so many for so long; strangers and friends alike.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Mr. Ronald Szafarczyk for his outstanding contributions to the town of Griffith and the community of Northwest Indiana, and to wish him well upon his retirement. Ron has given his time and efforts selflessly to the community and his service is worthy of the highest praise.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. TIMUEL D. BLACK, JR. OF CHICAGO

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of my friend and constituent Dr. Timuel D. Black, Jr. on the occasion today of the unveiling of the "Timuel D. Black Jr. Papers" at the Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature of the Chicago Public Library's Carter G. Woodson Regional Branch.

The grandson of slaves, Dr. Black was born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1919. He and his family, who were part of the first big wave of African-Americans to migrate from the South, came to Chicago when he was just 8 months old. He is the product of the Chicago Public Schools system, graduating from DuSable High School and completed his undergraduate degree at Roosevelt University and graduate degree at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Black taught in the Chicago Public Schools for 40 years, served as a Dean of Transfer Programs and Vice President in the City Colleges of Colleges. He is Professor Emeritus of Social Science at the City Colleges' Harold Washington College. Dr. Black is a revered political and social activist, community leader, oral historian, and philosopher.

It was while teaching in the City Colleges system that Black trained himself to be an oral historian. His collection includes the extended versions of the 400 interviews that were excerpted for Black's celebrated two-book series, *Bridges of Memory: Chicago's First Wave of Great Migration*, which chronicled black Chicago history from the 1920s to the present.

Dr. Black was a pioneer in the independent, progressive black political movement in Chicago which eventually saw the rise of Chicago's first Black Mayor, the late Harold Washington. Black has spent his life furthering

the cause of social justice, and promoting the political, educational and social empowerment of African Americans.

The "Black Papers", containing nearly 260 archival boxes, is the largest collection assembled at the historic Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection in more than two decades. It contains material from the 1963 March on Washington, rare photos of Black with the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and a vast jazz collection featuring Duke Ellington and others.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Timuel D. Black, Jr.'s life has been seen through the lenses of discrimination, restrictive housing covenants, marches and protests for human rights and dignity, and struggles for social and political self-determination and empowerment that have been preserved and will be unveiled for Chicago, this nation, and indeed the world to now see. I commend him and the Chicago Public Library for their forethought in capturing, recording, and displaying an important part of American history. I am privileged to enter these words in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING DR. FELICIA MOSS
MAYFIELD

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation,

Whereas, Thirty-six years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, Dr. Felicia Moss Mayfield began her educational career in teaching, she rose to the rank of Associate Superintendent for Student Support Services and has served the DeKalb County Public Schools System well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator, Administrator and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Dr. Mayfield is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Dr. Felicia Moss Mayfield on her retirement from the DeKalb County Public Schools System and to wish her well in her new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim December 16, 2011 as Dr. Felicia Moss Mayfield Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, This 16th day of December, 2011.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AUGUSTA BRANCH OF THE NAACP ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 38TH ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND BANQUET

HON. JOHN BARROW

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the Augusta Branch of the NAACP and to honor them as they celebrate their 38th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet.

For over a century, the NAACP has served on the front lines of change in America. So often when we recount their success, we think of the most prominent images of the Civil Rights Movement. We remember the heroes who marched peacefully and stood with dignity in the face of injustice. And we remember how they overcame those who hosed and humiliated college students and put dogs on women and children because of the color of their skin. But there has been—and always will be—more to the NAACP than this chapter in the Civil Rights Movement.

The NAACP has committed itself to shepherding the cause of equality and justice in America. In the 50 years before and since the sit-ins and marches that toppled Jim Crow, the NAACP has played a vital role in numerous communities to protect the political, educational, social, and economic rights of all persons regardless of color.

The Augusta Branch of the NAACP in my home district was recently honored with nine awards at the Georgia State Conference NAACP Convention. Among their commendations were awards for overall outstanding contributions as well as recognition for accomplishments in social justice and increased membership.

As a Life Member of the NAACP, it's a particular point of pride for me to see one of the NAACP branches that I represent recognized for their important contributions. I offer them my continued support and many more years of success in Affirming America's Promise.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN PRESIDENT MA YING-JEOU ON HIS RE-ELECTION

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou on being reelected as President of the Republic of China, also known as Taiwan, on January 14, 2012.

This free and fair election continues Taiwan's long tradition of being a strong and stable democracy. On October 10, 2011 Taiwan celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding. In the past century, Taiwan has matured into a free-market, multi-party democracy that is a model for the world. Taiwan is an important partner in maintaining peace and stability in the region.

As a proud member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, I have had the privilege to

travel to Taiwan last year as part of a bipartisan delegation. I had the pleasure of meeting President Ma Ying-jeou and other government officials. I was strongly encouraged by their commitment to maintaining strong ties with the United States.

As a Member of the Homeland Security Committee, I also discussed Taiwan's request for inclusion in the Visa Waiver Program with President Ma. I raised my concerns with President Ma about the need to strengthen their passport security standards before I would be comfortable in supporting Taiwan's inclusion into the Visa Waiver Program.

I was pleased to hear that Taiwan has strengthened their passport standards, and I was proud to send a letter with some of my colleagues to Secretary Clinton recommending that Taiwan be included in the Visa Waiver Program. On December 22, 2011, the U.S. State Department announced Taiwan's nomination for inclusion into the Visa Waiver Program.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating President Ma on his reelection as the President of Taiwan. I look forward to maintaining the strong U.S.-Taiwan relations under his leadership.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES LAWRENCE
"JIM" ROSE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great leader, entrepreneur and motivator, James Lawrence "Jim" Rose. He was a great inspiration and will be missed across the Commonwealth.

Jim Rose was a successful businessman with a thriving entrepreneurial mind and a philanthropic spirit. After attending Berea College and the University of Kentucky, Jim's first taste of success started in his hometown of Manchester, Kentucky. He launched a small coal company in 1959, leading to his post as president and chief executive officer of Interstate Coal Company, continuing to span his company across a dozen counties in eastern Kentucky. When he retired in 1993, the company was one of the top three producers of coal in the Commonwealth and was nationally renowned for its safe coal mining practices and mine rescue team.

In the late 1970's, Jim launched two successful banking ventures. He formed the United Bancorp of Kentucky, Inc. and guided a successful merger with National City Corporation in 1995. He and his wife Judy also became majority stockholders, in the Bank of Lexington and Trust Company and subsequently sold it. His savvy business instincts were coveted across the country and he proudly served as a director or member of numerous trade associations.

With a golden heart of generosity, Jim committed a vast majority of his time to civic and charitable organizations. He served on the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky and the Albert B. Chandler Medical Center, Centre College, and Lees College. He was a founding member of the Commonwealth Endowment for Kentucky Educational Television and served as a member of Kentucky's State

Investment Commission. He left one of his largest footprints at the Lexington Christian Academy, where the "Rose Campus" covers 75 acres in Lexington, Kentucky.

Jim Rose leaves behind a devoted family: his loving wife of 49 years, Judy Sizemore Rose; his son, James F. "Jamie" Rose and his wife Kris; his daughter Sonya Rose Hiler and her husband Ken; eight grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. On behalf of my wife Cynthia and myself, I want to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathies to the Rose family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a dear friend and inspiration, the late Jim Rose.

HONORING GARY EICHEN FOR HIS 45 YEARS IN BROADCASTING ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Gary Eichten, a Minnesota broadcasting legend, as he prepares to retire after a distinguished 45-year career at Minnesota Public Radio, MPR, News.

It is increasingly rare today that one spends his entire career with one employer, but it is even rarer that one can say he helped to put his employer on the map. Eichten can make that claim, beginning his career in 1967 at Minnesota Public Radio as a student announcer at Collegeville's KSJR, MPR's first station. Today, MPR is one of the nation's premier public radio systems with a reputation for integrity and thoughtful civic engagement. Gary Eichten personifies this tradition.

As host of the MPR News "Midday" program, Eichten has been a familiar and down-to-earth voice on its airwaves, providing a forum for civil discourse that truly informs and educates the public. Throughout his career, he has retained his trademark Midwestern sensibility. His colleagues sum it up best, describing him as an "everyman in the newsroom." A recent article in the Star Tribune describes Eichten as a "kid from Mankato," Minnesota, who "traded stories and barbs with state legislators, sitting governors and presidential hopefuls. An evasive answer might be met with Eichten's lovable grumble: 'Aw, c'mon, Senator.'"

Eichten's success as a broadcaster has earned him many well-deserved awards, including the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Award for Best Local News Program. He also assisted in the development of two Peabody award-winning documentaries. In 2007, Eichten was inducted into the Pavek Museum of Broadcasting's Hall of Fame. Most recently, Eichten was awarded with the prestigious 2011 Graven Award by the Premack Public Affairs Journalism Awards Board for his contribution to excellence in the journalism profession.

For many years, Eichten and MPR Midday have been part of my midday ritual. As an MPR listener, I have appreciated his timely and insightful interviews. As an elected official, I have respected his tough, but fair questions—always delivered civilly. It has been an